

**Senate Resolution No. 47**

**Introduced by Senator Leno**

Relative to City College of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco, founded in 1935, is a long-running and established entity in the San Francisco Bay area; and

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco is the largest community college district with a student enrollment of approximately 80,000 students in 2012; and

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco gives individuals who lack English language skills the ability to learn English to gain employment and participate and contribute to the economy; and

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco is the first stop for many recent immigrants to take naturalization courses to integrate into the broader society; and

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco provides a pathway to career and participation in the California dream for thousands of people each year; and

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco is a valuable tool in maintaining the middle class in the City and County of San Francisco by being one of the few resources low-income students can utilize to climb the economic ladder; and

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco is an important resource that provides opportunities for low-income students to gain job skills and adults to obtain their graduate equivalency diplomas; and

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco offers over 50 educational programs and more than 100 work training courses and specializes in training the future workforce of the City and County of San Francisco in the hospitality, culinary, automotive, and construction industries; and

WHEREAS, California's Student Success Score Card, a performance measurement system created by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to track student success at all community colleges in California, shows that City College of San Francisco has a higher

percentage of students who transfer to a four-year university or earn a vocational certificate than the statewide average; and

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco is a major job creator in the City and County of San Francisco, employing about 1,500 faculty members; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Budget and Legislative Analyst has found that City College of San Francisco generates well over \$300 million in economic activity every year; and

WHEREAS, In July 2012, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges sanctioned City College of San Francisco with a ‘show cause’ order, which required the college to remedy issues identified by the commission; and

WHEREAS, In July 2013, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges voted to terminate City College of San Francisco’s accreditation effective July 31, 2014, subject to review and appeal; and

WHEREAS, Since the ‘show cause’ order issue in 2012, City College of San Francisco has made substantial progress in remedying the issues identified by the commission; and

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco has hired a permanent chancellor, chief financial officer, chief counsel, and chief instructional officer, and filled other leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco has met nearly 95 percent of the 350 objectives identified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges and the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, and in the college’s Roadmap to Success, and is now in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards, but there are still changes the college must complete that will not be finalized by July 31, 2014, the date upon which the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges revocation decision is scheduled to become final; and

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco has asked for an extension of time to allow them to fully address the issues identified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges but the commissioners have declined the request stating that federal law prevented them from granting an extension; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges Board of Governors has requested the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges to rescind its termination of City College of San Francisco’s

accreditation and send a visiting team to the college to document the progress that has been made; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education recently stated that the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges has the flexibility to give City College of San Francisco additional time to remedy all outstanding issues without jeopardizing the commission's standing with the department; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate urges the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges to consider the progress City College of San Francisco has made and, as necessary, provide the college with additional time to continue solving problems and keep its accreditation intact; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Senate Resolution No. 47 read and adopted by the Senate May 29, 2014.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate